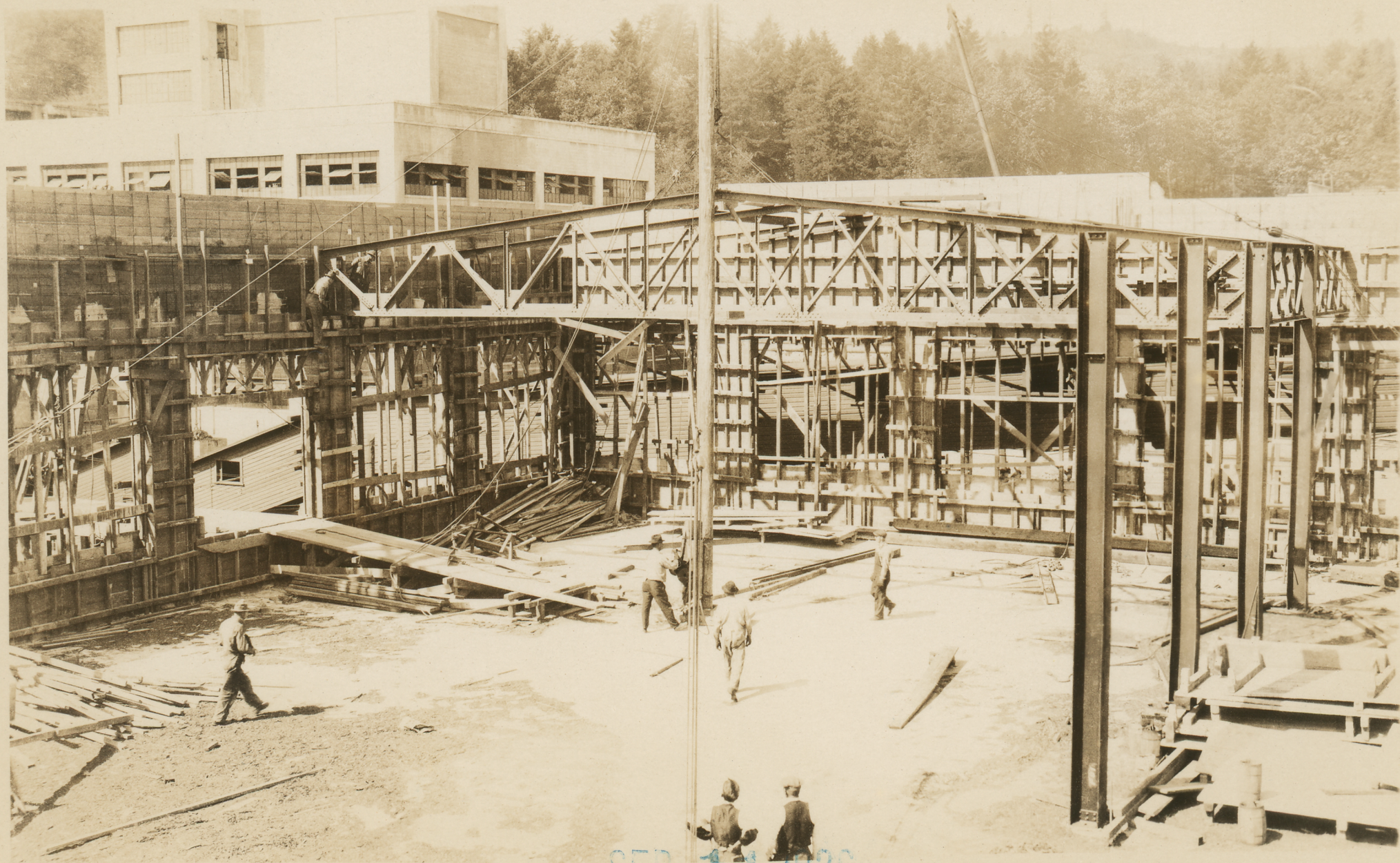




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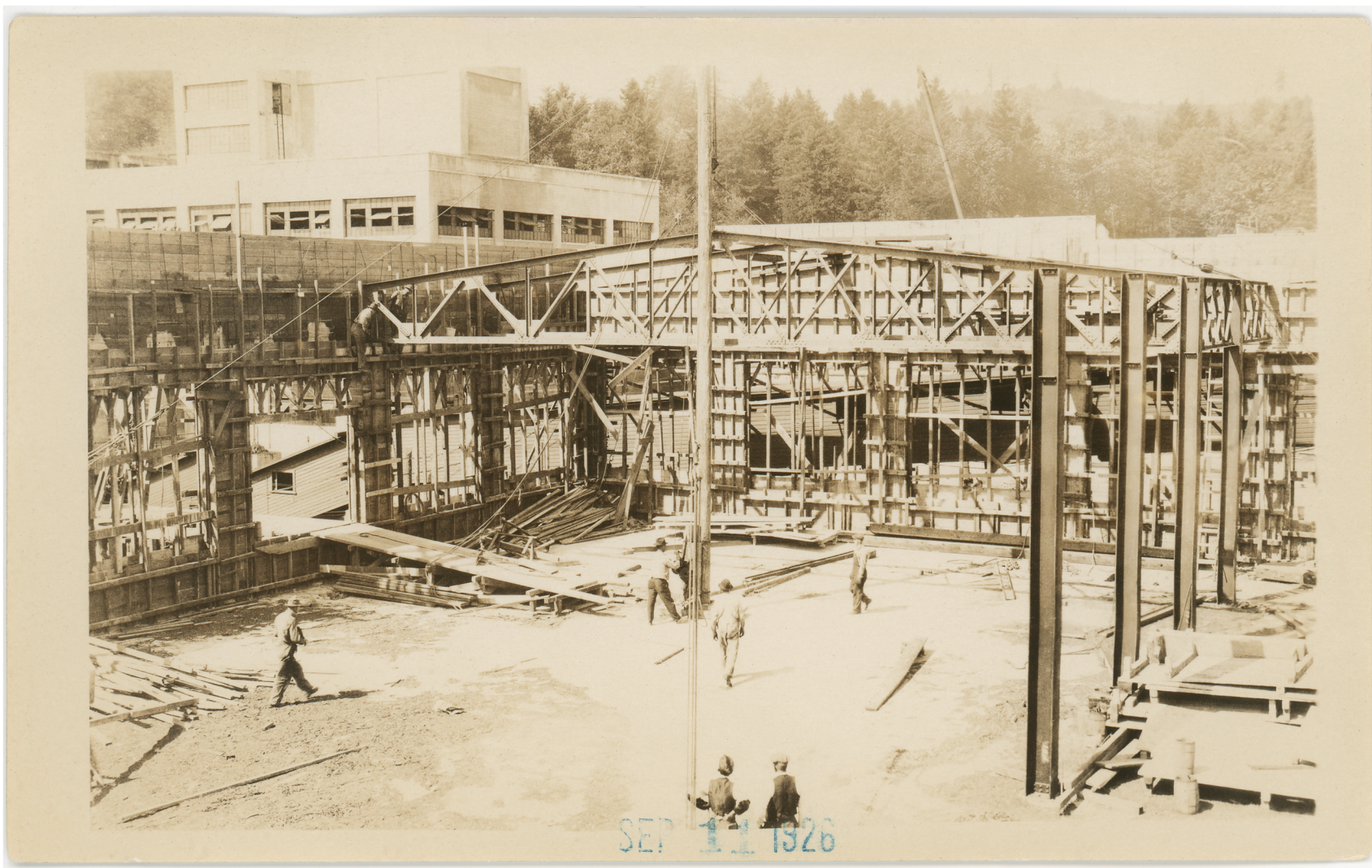


Photo 12

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By September 1926, steel had become the focus of construction. At the center of the photograph, a massive truss is being hoisted into place while workers guide it from above. Guy wires steady the lift, and at the base of the central pole a worker appears to be operating a winch, slowly bringing the structure into position.

One detail immediately draws the eye. High above the ground, two men stand on a narrow beam helping guide the truss into place. There are no visible safety harnesses or guardrails—just two workers balancing on the steel as another stage of the mill rises around them. The enlargement on the following page highlights this remarkable moment.

To the right, additional steel columns are already standing, suggesting this was part of a much larger sequence of structural work. The concrete mill building in the background, completed only a short time earlier, now serves as the backdrop for the next phase of construction.

Near the upper left of that building is a small doorway high above the ground, with what appears to be a ladder leading toward it. Its purpose is not obvious, but it is one of those small details that invites a closer look and reminds us how many questions still remain within these photographs.

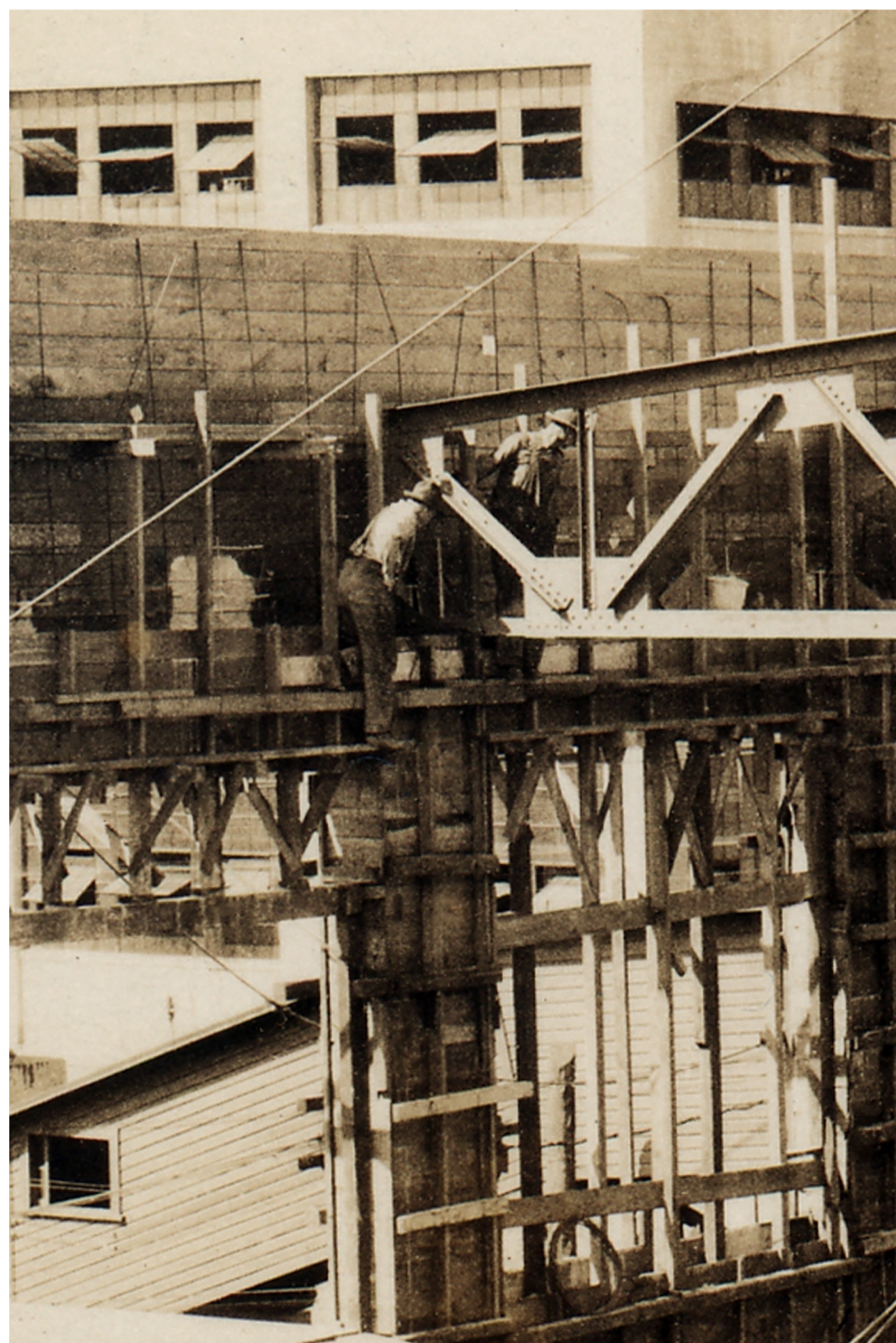


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Detail: Guiding the Truss

Two workers balance on a narrow steel beam while helping guide the truss into position. With no visible safety equipment, the enlargement offers a striking reminder of the working conditions common on large construction projects during the 1920s